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(17). The method of claim 16 wherein D-ribose or any one of the compositions of claim[s] 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12 is administered to the subject one to four times per day.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

N.E. Page 2: please amend the first paragraph RELATED APPLICATIONS thus:

On line 7, replace the line with 60/30220.

On line 10, please insert after "2000," now U.S. Patent No. 6, 429, 198, issued August 8, 2002.

These amendments do not add new matter to the application, but merely make current information that was not available at the time of filing of the present application.

REMARKS

Priority: The Examiner has indicated that Applicant has not complied with one or more conditions for receiving the benefit of an earlier filing date under U.S.C. 119(e). The Applicant has not clearly indicated how the current application is related to US Patent Nos. 6,159,942 and 6,429,198. Those patents disclose inventions discovered by John St. Cyr and Clarence Johnson, inventors of the current application. Provisional Application No. 60/221,526 filed June 28, 2000 is copending with both patents and Provisional Application 60/302,200 filed June 29, 2001 is copending with the '198 Patent. Applicant apologizes for not including the serial number of the '200 Provisional Application in the application as filed. It was not yet available at the time of filing. Both the '942 and the '198 patents disclose background information to the present invention and both disclose the effect of compositions and methods comprising ribose in a different population of subjects, that is, healthy persons or athletes. The '942 and '198 patents were incorporated by reference. If the Examiner believes that the teachings of those patents would better explain the present invention to the public, Applicant is willing to physically incorporate all or portions of the specifications as suggested by the Examiner.